

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of)	Examiner: W. Lewis
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). This application is a divisional of U. S. Serial No. 09/136,982 filed August 20, 1998, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/119,344 filed July 20, 1998, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/630,528, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,782,855 on July 21, 1998, which was a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/085,959, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,507,768 on April 16, 1996, which was a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 07/647,464 filed January 28, 1991, now abandoned.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, delete the sentence spanning lines 5-7 and insert the following:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/119,344 filed July 20, 1998, which